



New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

MINUTES – May 9, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joseph Doiron, Designee, Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Chair
John Martin, Designee, NH Department of Health and Human Services
Shawn Jasper, Designee, Department of Agriculture
Mark Doyle, Designee, Department of Safety
Patrick Hackley, Designee, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Jack Ruderman, Designee, NH Housing Finance Authority
Adam Crepeau, Designee, NH Department of Environmental Services
Amy Clark, Designee, Department of Education
Jared Nylund, Designee, NH Department of Administrative Services
Stephen LaBonte, Designee, NH Department of Transportation
Betsey McNaughten, Designee, NH Fish & Game

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Heather Shank, NH Office of Planning and Development (CORD Staff)
Ken Gallager, NH Office of Planning and Development
Steve Walker, NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program
Charlotte Harding, NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program
Allen Brooks, CORD Attorney, Attorney General’s Office, Department of Justice
J.D. Lavalley, Attorney General’s Office, Department of Justice
Paula Bellemore, Executive Director, NH Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)
Greg Bascom, Bascom Maple Farms

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 3 pm by Chair Doiron.

MINUTES

Approval of March 2024 draft minutes.

March 7th, 2024 minutes were reviewed, no changes were made.

MOTION: *On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Doyle, the March 7th, 2024 minutes were approved as presented, with all voting in favor but Mr. LaBonte, Ms. McNaughten, and Mr. Jasper, who abstained due to not being present at that meeting.*

LAND & COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCHIP)

Paula Bellemore, Executive Director (LCHIP), requests disbursement of \$1,925 from the Community Conservation Endowment fund for FY24 Stewardship Grants, in accordance with RSA 162-C:7.

52 **MOTION:** Made by Mr. Jasper, seconded by Ms. McNaughten, to approve the request by Ms.
53 Bellemore for the disbursement of \$1,925 for FY24 Stewardship Grants. Motion carried by a
54 unanimous vote in favor.

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56 **LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)**

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58 **Determine process for handling landowner requests, issues, activities, and potential**
59 **violations. CLSP tends to be the first point of contact for property owners. Currently**
60 **there is no process established for handling these issues.**

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62 Mr. Brooks stated that all requests pertaining to conservation easements and request materials
63 should be submitted to the agency that is the Grantee. The Grantee should then bring the
64 matter before CORD, if appropriate. Mr. Brooks stated that he would put together a short public
65 facing document that could be shared with the agencies and property owners to clarify the
66 procedure in these types of requests. No motion was made.

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69 **Bascom Maple Farm, LLC in Acworth, NH requests an amendment to their conservation**
70 **easement to allow a wastewater system to be placed within the easement area. The**
71 **Grantee, the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food, refers the matter to CORD.**

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73 Mr. Bascom explained that this is an updated system, to be placed in the same location as the
74 previous system but will be expanded. Mr. Bascom noted his right under the contract to engage
75 in maintenance of infrastructure systems. Mr. Jasper noted that the easement does not allow an
76 expansion. Mr. Brooks recommended that additional information be provided, as outlined during
77 the previous discussion, and that CORD take the matter up at the next meeting once pertinent
78 information is provided.

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80 Members agreed to have a special meeting in June to address the item so that Mr. Bascom may
81 resolve the issue before the end of this season.

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83 **MOTION:** Made by Mr. Jasper, seconded by Mr. Crepeau to table the item to the next meeting.
84 Motion carried by a unanimous vote in favor.

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87 **Brookdale Fruit Farm requests to amend the conditions of their conservation easement**
88 **in order to restrict pedestrian access. The Grantee, the Department of Agriculture,**
89 **Markets, and Food, refers the matter to CORD.**

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91 The property owner was not present. Mr. Brooks had not received all materials in time to
92 adequately evaluate the request. It was unclear whether permission was needed for the
93 request, or whether the right was already granted under the existing easement. Mr. Brooks
94 indicated that he would evaluate the request, and suggested that if permission was needed, the
95 item be taken up at the next CORD meeting.

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97 **MOTION:** Made by Ms. McNaughten, seconded by Mr. Doyle to take the item up at the next
98 meeting in the event permission for the request is needed by CORD. Motion carried by a
99 unanimous vote in favor.

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103 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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105 **Board on Geographic Name Change (BGN) - Ken Gallagher, Principal Planner, Office of**
106 **Planning and Development (OPD) gave an update on the renaming of “Eastman Cove” in**
107 **Sandwich, and a request to name an intersection in Hampton Falls “Third Parish Hill”.**
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109 Mr. Gallagher noted that CORD had already expressed no objection to the renaming request in
110 Sandwich, and that they did not need to make any further motions if they still have no objection
111 to the additional request that has come before the BGN.
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113 Mr. Doiron that this is an opportunity for Mr. Gallagher to provide information to CORD members.
114 CORD does not have the authority to decide on name changes as a public body; however, a
115 CORD meeting may be used for discussion purposes. Each state agency should submit its
116 comments to Mr. Gallagher directly.
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118 **Special Meeting:** Ms. Shank stated that she would tentatively plan the Special Meeting to
119 discuss Bascom Maple Farms for June 20th at 3 pm.
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121 **Next Regular Meeting: August 8, 2024, from 3 to 4 pm.**
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123 Mr. Doiron clarified that the SLR application deadline for the August CORD meeting is July 2nd,
124 2024. He also noted that there must be a representative from the agency to speak about the
125 SLR being presented.
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127 *Mr. Doiron adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.*